





# National Democrat.

RAHWAY, N. J., JULY 20th, 1889.

The prohibitionists are first in the field, with a candidate for Governor. They held a convention at Asbury Park last week and nominated George Lamotte, of Somerset. Among the resolutions adopted is one favoring woman suffrage.

The Democratic State Committee has appointed Benjamin F. Lee, of Trenton, Gottfried Krueger, of Newark, and David Cross, of Woodbury, a committee to fix the date for the State Convention. The Convention will probably be held early in September. The committee adopted a resolution requesting ex-Gov. Leon Abbott to act as temporary chairman of the Convention.

The financial situation is alarming to the Home Industries. Home industries are paralyzed; labor is not well employed; wages are being reduced; the taxes are piling up the surplus, and gold is pouring out of the country in a steady stream. The situation is desperate at home. The property which nourished under the business like administration of President Cleveland has all but disappeared.—*True American.*

The tax bills will soon be ready for distribution. They are of an entirely different form from what has prevailed for many years, the change in the manner of assessment to avoid malaproposities by unfriendly bond creditors, heretofore fully explained in these columns. The fund for city purposes is put in a whole, the Common Council appropriating it as they see fit. The different funds allowed by law to be levied for.

A number of letters have been received by the Mayor, at different dates, but all written by the same hand, containing allegations that liquor is being sold at certain unlicensed places, at licensed places on Sunday, etc. As such evidence is just what the Legislature desires to obtain, an effort has been made to find the writer of these letters, but without success. Though persons have been found with names similar to the signatures in some cases, they deny having written the letters. The Mayor has the letters can substantiate the allegations, he, or they should make the complaint and give the evidence to the Police Justice or the Chief of Police, which can be used with better effect than letters without a reliable signature. For it is not possible that the officers complained of will be convicted before any of the police authorities—and hearsay evidence cannot be taken in the courts.

A number of allusions have recently been made in this paper, by contributors, to the handsome and commodious fitting up of the premises of Walter Lutgen, Esq., at Linden, where his place is known as "Villa Linda." The good times there, etc. Through the courtesy of Dr. Silvers, the editor was privileged to have a chance to make a personal inspection on Tuesday night last, and he found that none of the descriptions had been overdrawn. The place is a "Villa Linda" for the "Villa Linda" Club, and a pleasant and jolly party assembled in the handsomely fitted up bowling alley. The editor was invited to take a hand, but not being in practice, preferred to be a spectator for which duty he was not sorry when he saw the result of the first "roll" which was made by a rather delicate looking lady, who made a fine "ten strike." Many pleasant acquaintances were met and the evening concluded that the visitors to Villa Linda soon realize what enjoyment it.

## THE RAHWAY POST OFFICE.

The gossip in this city has been busy for a few days discussing reports that Postmaster Lindsay had gotten into trouble with the department in relation to the correctness of his accounts, and, of course, all sorts of sensational stories were circulated. The fact is, an inspector was recently at the office to see the books, and claimed to have discovered some discrepancy, which the Postmaster was ready to arrange at once.

It appears, however, that the inspector made an unfavorable report, as there were begun to be great activity among the Republican aspirants for the position, and the word went forth that Mr. Lindsay must be removed.

He says his books were all straight as far as he knows, the only discrepancy being the \$400 (about) lost by the robbery last winter, which the department always assumes, if the Postmaster has used proper precaution to prevent such robbery, which he had by providing a good safe.

At any rate the excuse for his removal was made, and the wire pulling commenced among the huffy Republicans. It soon became apparent the small error would have to take a back seat, as ex-Assessors Chamberlain and ex-Assessors Shelden were found among the "pull"—the former with ex-Congressman Keane, and the latter with ex-U. S. Senator Sewell, and the contest is said to be very lively between them, the result not yet being known at this writing.

Mr. Lindsay has only served a year and a half of his four years term, and, of course, the Republican administration is only too glad to have even a technical excuse for his removal.

**WATER BOARD.**—According to adjournment the board of water commissioners met on Saturday night, to further consider the proposition submitted by the Board of Public Works for the year ending July 1st, 1890. The following were the bids presented, per ton of 2,240 pounds, best Lumber chestnut, delivered at work:

other part, but the former did not state the particular coal he would furnish, while the latter designated the same he has furnished during the present year, which has given good satisfaction; hence the adjournment to ascertain as to this particular item, when it was found that John would furnish the Summit Hill, and Henry the Sugar Loaf. Some of the board, after inquiring, thought the superiority of the latter over the former would outweigh the difference in the bids, while others favored awarding to the lowest, anyway. It was finally agreed unanimously to award each 500 tons, provided that upon testing a few tons of the Summit Hill proves satisfactory. The bids for soft coal were not considered, as the engineer reported the experiment with unsatisfactory results.

It is said that they have a ghost in Jersey City that smokes cigarettes. One who smokes the poisonous thing soon becomes ghostlike in appearance, and fitted for the land from whence the ghost is said to come.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Adjourned meeting, Monday evening July 23d. All present—except Commissioner Mead. Minutes read and approved.

The regular order of business was suspended and the matter of opening the bids for roofing and repaving Columbus School was taken up, and before any action was taken a communication from the city treasurer was read setting forth, that he had paid on back school warrants in excess to the amount of nearly \$700, which he had charged up against school fund after which the matter of proceeding with the bids was laid over and the regular order of business was proceeded with as follows:

### COMMUNICATIONS.

From Silas C. Wheat, stating that he was an applicant for the position in Third Ward School only. Referred to teachers' committee.

From T. C. Stannington, of New Brunswick, offering to furnish the city with coal from the Black River, referred to committee on books and supplies.

The following acceptance by teachers were read and ordered on file: Mr. D. B. Corson and Misses Lillie R. Hayward, Emily M. Hildner, R. A. W. Hildner, Misses Whitehead, Clara Ellis, George T. Underhill, Louise Underhill and Blanch Leonard.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on books and supplies, through Com. Wheat, reported progress.

Committee on teachers, through Com. Silvers, reported that the committee had met and had the following applicants present: Messrs. Silas C. Wheat, George W. Oakley, D. B. Shallow and W. S. Willis, and that a very thorough discussion was had. The different applicants gave their opinions upon what they considered to be the best methods of teaching, and there was a general interchange of opinions on experience, principles, and methods, but the committee was not yet prepared to report more for consideration.

On motion of Com. Silvers it was decided to open the Schools on the first Monday in September.

On motion of Com. White, adjourned to meet on Thursday evening of this week.

### FOR THE DEMOCRAT.

I often hear visitors to town complain of the discourtesy of our citizens in passing others on the sidewalks. A friend visiting at my home came in a few evenings since with her feet wet, her shoes covered with mud and her garments greatly soiled.

She had been walking in the mud, and a couple of wet dresses (I) who had the right of way to get to the house, and she was a victim of several of our citizens. I thought I would write a notice to the effect that if any one is guilty of such conduct, they will be liable to a fine of \$100.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION.

HELD AT THE COURT HOUSE, JERSEY CITY, N. J., JULY 16, 1889.

Present:—Director Hubbard and Freeholders Blinn, Doherty, Howard, Jones, Keane, Kishbas, Leonard, Thompson, VanSant, Vanderbeck, and Wright.

Absent:—Freeholder Donahoe, Whaley.

### SPECIAL JOTTINGS.

Edward and Lizzie P. Stokes, have lost their one month old daughter.

Miss Harriet Oliver has been rejuvenated in the "old house" two full years.

There is a probability that two fine cottages will be erected on central Grand street before long.

Mr. Ida Woodward, who removed from Rahway a short time ago is visiting friends here on Sunday.

Rahway grocers should take heed to the article in last week's Democrat, regarding the dog regulations.

Donations of "cast off" literature to the "Crescent Social Circle" will be thankfully received by the president, Mr. Edward Hopper.

Miss Mary Macann is making extensive alterations on her property on Grand street, and when finished it will make quite an improved appearance.

The Red and Green A. & S. Sunday Schools held a picnic at Lake's Grove last Thursday. They took three well filled stagecoaches, and all had a good time.

Why not enforce the Sunday liquor law? Last Sunday morning, a carriage with two dogs of large size was seen going towards the bridge, and a number of drunken men were seen on the streets during the day.

Thos. Kelly, who is driving a well for Theodore Polson, in Clark township, has succeeded in losing a number of valuable filter points, in his endeavor to drill through the "cliff of a rock," for pure water.

Tuesday forenoon Mrs. Rebecca Nuttall started down stairs with her baby in her arms; and when about half way down, she stepped on a cat, which caused her to fall. The timely appearance of a neighbor saved the baby from serious harm, but the mother's baby was badly hurt.

The Crescent Social Circle met at their room on Main street on Friday night, and quite a number of new names were taken. Mrs. K. Magee and Mr. E. Hopper presented some choice literature for which thanks are returned, and "yet there is room for more." Singing and recitation were the order of the evening. On Friday August 2d, there will be a debate on the question "Which is the most disastrous, Fire or Water?" Rev. H. H. Pinckney has been elected chaplain, and Mr. Emory Williamson master of the association.

Fire.—The usual early morning quiet of the city was disturbed on Monday at 1:30 by loud cries of "Fire!" in the vicinity of Main and Cherry streets; as that is the hour when the sleepers are generally doing the heaviest work in that line, it was some time before there was a general alarm, and the cause was ascertained to be an incipient conflagration in the store of John Peter, on Cherry street. It was first detected by Mr. Augustus Ling who lives opposite, and whose attention was attracted by smoke coming in at his open window. The immediate neighbors were at once aroused and it was seen that the fire was burning in the cellar and just beneath the floor of the center of the store floor. Some gentlemen went to the house of No. 8, around Foreman L. Mackey, and Joe VanPelt who live near by, and the "impulse" was soon spreading toward the store. The fire was first detected by Mr. Augustus Ling who lives opposite, and whose attention was attracted by smoke coming in at his open window. 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